passport offices in Punjab in near future; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) As on 16-7-93 approximately 84,000 passport applications were pending in Chandigarh and approximately 94,000 applications were pending at Jalandhar.

(b) The details are given in the attached statement. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) 400 additional posts for the Central Passport Organisation were sanctioned last year and the process of filling these posts is underway. The fees have been increased to meet the cost of provision of passport services.

(e) and (f) Computerisation of all Passport Offices is being undertaken in a phased manner.

Statement

Application for fresh Passports received annually

Year	Chandigarh	Jalandhar
1990	81905	97765
1991	115624	128479
1992	100565	112179

US relation with India

1085. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be placed to state:

(a) whether the US Government has formulated some basic criteria in regard to its relation with India; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such basic criteria and the reaction of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) US foreign policy under the Clinton Administration has been reoriented towards a sharper focus on issues like human rights, terrorism, non-proliferation, reduction of regional tensions, support for democracy and free market. Government have noted this reorientation of emphasis in US Government's policy.

1086. [*Transferred to 12th August, 1993*]

Terrorist Activities in Kashmir by Pak

1087. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a press news item 'Pakistan abetting Kashmir militancy' as reported in the Times of India dated 31-5-1993;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether Pakistan proposes to start training camps in the valley in consultation with Kashmiri militants; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to check the activities of militants in the valley?

THE MINISTERY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Government have seen the news item titled "Pakistan abetting Kashmir militancy" which appeared in the 'Times of India' dated 31-5-1993.

(b) and (c) Pakistan's support to terrorism and subversion directed against India is continuing. Pakistan has been training Kashmiri militants, providing them with arms and financial support and actively assisting them to infiltrate across the LOC into J&K. Training activity is also being carried out by the Pak-trained militants in J&K.

(d) Our security forces continue intensive surveillance along the border and LOC to counter the attempts at infiltration by Pak-trained militants. Operations intended to contain the activities of the militants have also been stepped up. Measures are being taken to integrate and co-ordinate the operations of security forces with a view to enhancing their overall effectiveness.

Pending Passport Applications in Hyderabad

1088. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: